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from the EDITOR'S CHAIR

JOB FIGURES: DO THEY LIE?

"Employment in State Reaches All-Time High," the Examiner said.

"Jobs in State Set Record for March," the Chronicle said.

"California sets March job record," said the Tribune.

These are fairly typical of the stories the dailies carry every month. And they're true.

But the tendency in daily newspapers is to stress only one side of this complicated problem.

You won't find it at all in the Examiner item, but if you read those in the Chronicle and Tribune closely, you'll learn that California has 6,079,000 persons working—a record, all right. But we also have 467,000 unemployed.

In other words 7.1 per cent, or better than one person in seven in the state's job market, are out of work.

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NEW WORKERS, AUTOMATION

With record numbers working, why do we have so much unemployment?

In the first place, California industry is expanding. That accounts for the growing numbers working.

But the work force is expanding, too. As usual, many new people are moving to California. And the number of high school and college graduates entering the labor market is bigger than ever.

In addition, there are shortages in some jobs and surpluses in others. Those who don't have the skills which are in demand are out of work.

So part of our job problem is caused by automation and other technological factors.

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U.S. FORCE SHRINKING?

Throughout the United States, 5½ per cent of the work force were unemployed and seeking work in March.

In contrast with California's the rest of the nation's work force is shrinking—on paper, at least.

This is evidence of a disturbing trend, according to Dr. Walter Heller, chairman of President Kennedy's Council of Economic Advisors.

Many people are dropping out of the labor market and have stopped actively seeking work because of the scarcity of jobs, Dr. Heller says.

If a person isn't actively seeking work, the government does not count him as part of the work force. And it doesn't count him as unemployed.

These long-term jobless who aren't officially counted as jobless are referred to by the experts as "submerged" unemployed.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

Unions will find notices of important meetings called by their officers on page 5 of this issue of the Journal.

COPE: Brown team, Richards (in 6 hours)

COPE action criticized by Childers

State Senator Richard Richards, who was endorsed by the California AFLCIO Council on Political Education for U. S. Senator last week, was strongly criticized at this week's Alameda County Building Trades Council meeting.

The attack against Richards

BTC NOMINATIONS

Paul Jones of Laborers 304 and Robert Kerr of Glaziers 169 were nominated for the presidency of the Alameda County Building Trades Council Tuesday night.

The election, to fill the post vacated by the death of Joseph F. Pruss of Sheet Metal Workers 216, will be held May 1.

Jones, secretary-treasurer of Local 304 and a vice-president of the California Labor Federation, was nominated by J. L. Childers, BTC business representative. Kerr, president of the Western Conference of Glaziers, was nominated by Gene Slater of Painters 40.

was launched by J. L. Childers, BTC business representative, who said he voted for a dual endorsement in the June primary because he feels incumbent U. S. Senator Thomas H. Kuchel is "the better man."

Richards was defended by Charles Roe, business representative of Hayward Carpenters 1622.

HEALTH CARE ISSUE

Roe pointed out the Building Trades Council had taken no

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Clothing store settlement approved by Local 1265

Members of Department and Specialty Store Employees 1265 approved a new three year contract with seven clothing store operators in Alameda County Tuesday night.

The agreement was one reached 2½ hours before a threatened strike April 12, according to Richard K. Groulx, assistant secretary of the Central Labor Council.

It provides for one-half per cent higher commissions for sales personnel; a weekly guarantee instead of bi-weekly, and pay raises totalling 23 cents an hour for non-selling and 17½ cents for selling personnel.



GOVERNOR EDMUND G. (PAT) BROWN attended a luncheon for labor and political leaders in Hayward last week. He was greeted by County Supervisor Francis Dunn, a member of Painters 127 and COPE endorsed candidate for Congress from the new Ninth District. Also shown are, from left, Leroy V. Woods, secretary-treasurer of Hayward Culinary Workers 823 and candidate for County Supervisor (2nd District); Supervisor Leland W. Sweeney (3rd District), and Supervisor John D. Murphy (1st District).

Fired Peter Paul unionists will get partial job benefits

A new ruling gives unionists fired by Peter Paul, Inc., during last year's strike state unemployment insurance effective Feb. 25, 1962.

Elmer Homo, trade disputes representative for the State Department of Employment, has ruled that the strike by Local 242, American Bakery and Confectionery Workers (AFLCIO), legally ended Feb. 19.

Homo's ruling was reported by Arthur R. Hellender, assistant secretary of the Alameda County Central Labor Council.

Hellender warned, however, that the candy firm — which fought granting of any unemployment benefits through six months of hearings in the long case of its kind in state records — will probably appeal again.

Union members' claims for benefits are based on the fact that they were fired by the company in letters sent out last June 29.

The candy firm forced the strike by refusal to bargain.

Urge unionists not to sign Francis petition

State AFLCIO Secretary-Treasurer Thomas L. Pitts has urged union members not to sign the so-called Louis Francis Amendment petitions.

The amendment, Pitts said, would "seriously interfere with long-established rights and privileges." He said it would:

- Let county grand juries and a large number of other non-judicial bodies and individuals designate "communist front" organizations.

- Single out school teachers and threaten them with loss of jobs and credentials for refusal to answer legislative committees.

- Force groups to sign non-subversive statements to meet on public property.

- Let assessors use mere affidavits in denying exemptions.

Pitts called the present Section 19, Article XX, of the California Constitution "far superior" to the vague and dangerous proposal, which is authored by Assemblyman Louis Francis.

'Greatest display of democracy'

California's AFLCIO Council on Political Education gave a resounding vote of confidence to Governor Edmund G. (Pat) Brown and his running mates for state constitutional offices last week.

But the biggest convention in the state COPE's history also turned out to be the liveliest.

And it took six hours and two roll calls before delegates voted to endorse only one candidate, State Senator Richard Richards, for the U. S. Senate.

Strong sentiment for endorsing Richards in the Democratic primary and incumbent U. S. Senator Thomas H. Kuchel in the Republican primary centered among building trades and some other unions.

DOUBTERS CONVINCED

Fred Smith, assistant state COPE director, summed it up in a talk before the Alameda County Central Labor Council Monday night. He said:

"It was one of the greatest displays of democracy that the trade union movement has ever witnessed."

"There were many who walked out of that place and said 'I used to think it was a rubber stamp outfit, but not any more.'"

ENDORSED CANDIDATES

Here are state COPE endorsements, as reported at Monday night's Central Labor Council meeting by Robert S. Ash, executive secretary:

Governor: Edmund G. (Pat) Brown.

U. S. Senator: Richard Richards.

Lieutenant Governor: Glenn M. Anderson.

Attorney General: Stanley Mosk.

State Controller: Alan Cranston.

Secretary of State: Don Rose.

All are Democrats, and all are

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Bushell to be sworn in as Postmaster Saturday

John F. Bushell, former officer of Letter Carriers 76, will take the oath of office as Postmaster of Oakland in ceremonies at 11 a.m. Saturday in the auditorium on the second floor of the Kaiser Center Building.

Bushell was supported for appointment as acting postmaster by the Central Labor Council, and a labor delegation will attend.

HOW TO BUY

Waiting for the phone to ring?

By SIDNEY MARGOLIUS
Labor Consumer Advisor for Labor Journal

The telephone obviously is a convenience and often a necessity. But in the hands of high pressure sellers it is also a trap for the unwary.

This department gets many complaints about the electronic entrapment of working families to the point where demands are being raised for laws against "boiler room" promotions.

"Boiler room" is the name given to a selling operation that consists chiefly of a room with a lot of phones and a crew of people calling lists of names. At one time boiler rooms mainly concentrated on spurious stock selling schemes and dubious charity solicitations.

But now that wages are higher and working people have more money to be separated from, boiler rooms sell everything from carpeting to dancing lessons and children's photographs.

Trade sources report that boiler rooms buy carpeting at \$2.50 a square yard and sell it at \$15. This is more than three times as much as regular stores charge for similar low quality goods.

The phone recently trapped a California working family into buying a garbage disposer at an extraordinary price. The wife tells us:

"I was contacted on the phone. I said I would not be interested. The lady on the phone said I would be under no obligation, but they would like to show us the unit for advertising purposes only, and our name had been chosen in this location.

"I still said I wouldn't be interested but that evening a demonstrator called. He said he was not a salesman, just a demonstrator.

"We let him demonstrate. The deal is that you pay for the machine alone. No installation fee. Free soap for a year. Free service for a year. They also pay part of the cost of pumping the septic tank.

"My husband signed the contract. The disposer was installed the next morning at 8 o'clock.

"I asked the firm not to put the contract through the bank as I would draw the money out of savings to save the finance charge. They didn't wait but same day were paid by the bank for the full amount of the contract—\$339."

Actually, high quality garbage

disposer units with one-half HP motor cost less than \$85; with one-third HP motor, less than \$60. Typical installation, if there are no special problems, costs \$20-\$25.

The telephone also is a favorite approach for high pressure encyclopedia salesmen. An Ohio reader reports:

My husband answered and told the salesman to come out if he wanted to, but he didn't believe we were interested. The salesman came at 8 p.m. and talked until after 1 a.m.

"We told him no over and over and asked him to leave. But he changed the subject and discussed his family. He told us we would get a bookcase free, a little bank free, atlas no charge, two volume dictionary no charge, home study guides no charge, library research no charge, individual research reports no charge.

"He also said that if I would give him names of four friends and he sold two sets I would get a bonus; that since the books were at a discount I would be foolish not to list my friends.

"Since then I have called the office. When they answer they just give the phone number and the salesman is not around.

"For a 24-volume set with plain red binding we were charged \$398 plus three per cent tax plus \$30 service charge. This set should not have cost any more than \$250 since this salesman told all those lies about no charge on this and that.

"Our income is very limited, and if it weren't for our 13 year old son we never would have signed. But the salesman kept saying how we as parents owe it to the child."

The voice on the other end of the phone, asking such prize winning questions as which arm of the Statue of Liberty holds up the torch, often is a woman. Is she a deliberate crook? No. The likelihood is that she is a money-pinched housewife hoping to earn a few extra dollars, and as exploited by the boiler room operator as you will be if you agree to an appointment.

The St. Louis Better Business Bureau reports that often boiler room solicitors are themselves trapped by innocent looking ads which read "Women Wanted for Part Time Work."

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Co-op will open in South County

The Consumers Cooperative of Berkeley will open a supermarket in Castro Valley in June.

A membership drive in Southern Alameda County is in progress. Further information may be obtained from the Berkeley Co-op, TH 3-6784. But you won't have to be a member to shop at the new store.

Like other co-ops, the store will pay patronage refunds to its owner-members.

The supermarket will be the former Sid's store, 3667 Castro Valley Boulevard, which has been bought by Co-op. Also included will be a credit union office, insurance service office and supervised play area.

Sewing circle

A sewing circle is just another place where women go to needle each other.—United Mine Workers Journal.

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The AFL-CIO American Bakery and Confectionery Workers has announced that the following California firms have signed union contracts:

American Licorice Co., Annabelle Candy Co., Blum's Candy Co., Candy Artist, Candy, Inc., Circus Foods, Fontasia Candy Co., Gimbal Brothers Co. Golden Nugget Candy Co., Hawaiian Confectionery, Hromada Candy Co., Lawrence Candies, Moskey Candy Co., Patterson Sweets, Planters Nut and Chocolate Co.

Red Poppy Candy Co., Rosita Candy Co., See's Candy Co., Simon Brothers Candy Co., Arra Smith Co., W. E. Velco Products, Warren's Candies, White Candy Co. and Wilson's Candies.

All are located in San Francisco.

Well known nationwide brands and companies under ABC-AFL-CIO contracts include:

Paul F. Beich Candy Co., Bloomington, Ill.; New England Confectionery Co. (NECCO) Cambridge, Mass.; Hershey Chocolate Corp., Hershey, Pa.; E. G. Whitman & Son, Inc., Philadelphia, Pa.; Ludens, Inc., Reading, Pa.; Frank H. Fleer Corp., Philadelphia, Pa. and others.

FDA challenges Regimen claims

The U. S. Food and Drug Administration says certain claims of appetite control and weight reduction for Regimen Tablets, advertised by the Drug Research Corp. of New York City are false and misleading.

In a case filed in Denver, the FDA challenged the following claims:

• That Regimen tablets will cause weight loss up to 6½ pounds in 7 days and 19 pounds in six weeks without planned dieting.

• That they will satisfy hunger, control, inhibit and shrink appetite, causing pounds and inches to disappear.

• That they represent a combination of reducing drugs so amazing that a person can lose weight without planned dieting while continuing to eat favorite foods.

• That they have proved amazingly effective in clinical tests on overweight persons.

According to the National Better Business Bureau, the federal government also attacked two other specific claims of weight loss; one that weight loss will be permanent, and one that fat persons are more susceptible to cancer than others.

Too many bodies

The high cost of funerals has prompted so many people to leave their bodies to medical schools for scientific purposes that U.C. and Stanford have curtailed the practice, at least for the present.

According to a recent item in the San Francisco Chronicle, both schools are now accepting future bequests of bodies only from persons under 50.

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To the Ladies:

FROM the EDITOR

ANY FOOD proved to increase chances of dying from a certain disease four times would be cut immediately from the national diet.

A gigantic campaign would be launched against its use, and laws would be passed to prohibit, restrict or control it.

CIGARETTES, according to a recent report by Great Britain's Royal College of Physicians, do just that.

Based on case histories of thousands of smokers and non-smokers, the Royal College concluded that a 35 year old man who smokes heavily has one chance in 23 of dying of lung cancer in the next 10 years.

A 35 year old non-smoker has one chance in 90 of dying of lung cancer within 10 years.

"Cigarette smoking is the cause of lung cancer," the Royal college and two British medical journals have reported.

Other surveys have placed the lung cancer death rate among smokers at from 5 to 10 times that among non-smokers.

THE BRITISH government has launched a drive to educate the public, especially youngsters, in the dangers of smoking.

Five major British tobacco firms have announced that they will no longer advertise on television before 9 p.m. There is talk about abolishing cigarette vending machines.

In Italy, Parliament has outlawed advertising of "any form of tobacco or smoking."

Can you imagine that happening in the United States?

IN THE U. S. Senator Maurine Neuberger (D.-Ore.) has introduced a resolution asking President Kennedy to start a massive education campaign like that in Great Britain.

"The evidence is in," Senator Neuberger told the Senate. "No jury of 12 men and women could possibly escape the conclusion that tobacco, in the form of cigarettes, is a poison more lethal than the deadliest narcotic."

SO FAR, nobody seems to be paying much attention. Cigarette sales in the U. S. have soared since 1954 to 490 billion per year.

I'm passing this information on only because it probably won't get much space (if any) in the daily press.

The labor movement has led in exposing and legislating against poisons in industrial, chemicals, food and other places.

Why should we sit back and ignore a way to cut deaths from a leading killer to between one-fourth and one-tenth of their present rate?

Tell 'em you saw it in the East Bay Labor Journal.

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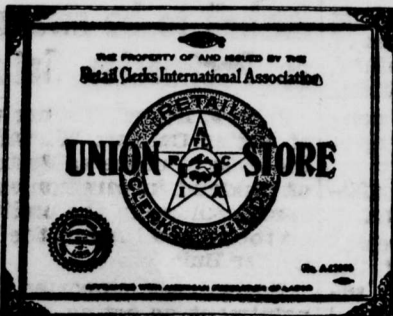
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Incumbents given new 3-year terms in Local 18 voting

Incumbent officers of Building Service Employees 18 were unopposed for re-election in balloting, April 13 and will be installed April 27.

Returned to office for another three years were: Edna E. Lallement, president; Henry Ensor, vice-president; W. Douglas Geldert, secretary-business representative; Fannie M. Durfee, treasurer and George Muha, sergeant-at-arms.

Also re-elected were:

Executive Committee — Victor C. Brandt, George A. Lallement, General Self, Roy Spencer and Benjamin J. Tusi.

Trustee Committee — Ledora Earvin and Irvin Mars.

Convention Delegates — W. Douglas Geldert, Edna E. Lallement and Benjamin J. Tusi.

Alternate Delegate — Victor C. Brandt.

Installation will be conducted by International Vice President George Hardy at the April 27 meeting at 7 p.m. at 1608 Webster St., Oakland.

All members not working at that time are requested to attend, according to Secretary-Business Representative Geldert.

Roof literally falls in on gardener

The roof literally fell in on John Salvador, a gardener, and he suffered injuries which made him unable to work for a year.

"The insurance company was trying to settle the case with him for \$5,000 and contending that he no longer needed any treatment whatsoever," according to Salvador's attorney, John B. Lewis of Smith, Parrish, Paduck and Clancy.

Lewis took the case before the State Industrial Accident Commission and won an award of \$11,130 in addition to money previously paid. Salvador also received a lifetime award for further medical treatment.

He was given a 53 per cent disability rating.

New CLC delegates

New delegates seated at the April 9 meeting of the Central Labor Council were: George Benz, Rubber Workers 64; Donald Parkhill, Optical Technicians 505; Charles Miller, Laundry Workers 2, and Paul Saroff, Concessions and Programs 468.

Health care handbook

A speakers handbook containing facts and figures on health care for the aged can be obtained from the AFLCIO Department of Social Security, 815 16th St., N. W., Washington 6, D.C.

CLC adjourns in unionists' memory

The Central Labor Council adjourned April 16 in memory of two union leaders who died within the preceding week.

They were:

C. Roy Heinrichs, past president of Typographical 36 and secretary of the East Bay Cities Allied Printing Trades Council for 10 years, and

Charles C. Piazza, president of American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees 444.

Heinrichs, 62, died in Kaiser Hospital April 12 from pneumonia following surgery. He had been in poor health and had retired from the printing trades council post about two years ago. He was a former labor council delegate.

Piazza, 33, charter member and first president of Local 444, was employed in the Forestry Department of the East Bay Municipal Utility District until stricken with a brain tumor. He died in Kaiser Hospital April 14.

Engle bill would reduce immigration bias

Senator Clair Engle (D-Cal.) is the co-sponsor of a bill which he says would reduce nationality discrimination under U. S. immigration laws.

Engle's bill would authorize 250,000 quota visas annually, 50,000 of which would be available to refugees without regard to quota areas. The rest would be allocated "on the basis of populations and previous immigration ratios."

Unused quotas would be divided at the end of each year among nations with a backlog of U. S. immigration applicants. Special provisions would be made for blood relatives.

CLC joins boycott of Comet Rice Co.

Support of a boycott by all union families against products of the Comet Rice Milling Co. of Houston, Tex., has been voted by the Alameda County Central Labor Council.

The boycott has the official endorsement of the AFLCIO Executive Council.

Products of the Comet Rice Milling Co. include: Comet Rice, Adolphus Rice, Peacock Rice, M.J.B. Rice and Wonder Rice.

Locals 247 and 255 of the AFLCIO Brewery, Flour, Cereal, Soft Drink and Distillery Workers have been on strike since Jan. 16. The company is now using non-union labor, according to Karl F. Feller, union president.

The union has filed unfair labor practice charges and racial discrimination complaints with the President's Committee on Equal Job Opportunity.

Shipping up despite strike

March ship traffic through the Golden Gate rose 3 per cent over the 1961 monthly average despite the West Coast maritime strike, the Marine Exchange reports.

Ships under foreign flags accounted for a larger volume, but American shipping dropped only 5 per cent from last year's monthly average.

CLC votes to commend Kennedy on steel action

Upon motion of William Stumpf, staff representative for Steelworkers Sub-district 3, the Central Labor Council voted April 16 to send a letter to President Kennedy commending him for his position in the basic steel price controversy.

Demand the Union Label!

'COCKTAIL NAPKINS ONLY SHORTAGE IN HAWAII'

Cocktail napkins are the only thing in shortage in Hawaii, Harry Bridges, president of the International Longshoremen's Union, wired President Kennedy April 11.

Bridges protested the Taft-Hartley shipping injunction.

Daily papers have carried repeated statements on alleged shortages in Hawaii.



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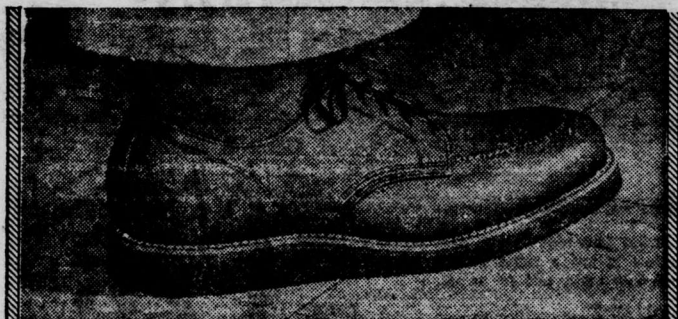


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Chips and Chatter

By AL THOMAS

169 on the list this morning, which represents about a dozen less than last week. This is in spite of a lot of churning and nearly a hundred referrals last week. Work seems to be picking up here and there, at least.

There will be no meeting next Friday, April 20, which is Good Friday, as you are all aware. A special meeting will be held May 4 to consider some assessments as recommended by the District Council. You will hear more later.

If you know anyone who is dealing with the Chris Craft crowd they are proving to be a real cheap crowd where labor and contracts are concerned and don't deserve much consideration. The Boatbuilders (1149) are in a real donnybrook in Hayward with them and can use any help we can give to them.

Barbers 134

By I. O. (AI) CHAMORRO

By the time this writing reaches the Journal we'll be meeting in our special called meeting, where all our members who have not signed the minimum price list will do so. If for any reason you couldn't do it, call our office and we will be more than pleased to oblige in calling on you in person.

I anticipate some very worthy resolutions, suggestions and motions will be presented at the

above mentioned meeting. Some will merit approval, and others may not; nevertheless all will be taken seriously and studied for consideration, and recommendations will follow.

Never is the time when we can say "all is well and perfect as it is." The struggle for betterment and progress is never ended. We have gained much and more will come. Only by the meeting of the minds by all our members shall we march on toward future achievements, always looking forward, and if not reaching better goals at present, for goodness sake, never should you let any one or minority group set the clock back on years gone by.

Attend future meetings that will be published in this our official newspaper; keep reading this humble column, as I will try to inform you as best as possible. Let all our Barber unionists participate for a better creative local; help you Executive Board and officers gain some support for a collective approach to our organizing efforts. Give us the tools to offer our members and the unorganized in the way of tangible and financial help. Mostly if not all other fellow workmen whether union members or not, professional or white collar ones, have many fringe benefits that our barber industry has not provided for all of us. Here's a thought that challenges all of us, but are we going to do anything about it?

More will be told next week.

Why not pass this copy of the East Bay Labor Journal to a friend of yours when you are finished reading it!

Sheet Metal Snips

By AL ARELLANO

On Saturday, April 28th, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., you, as a member of Sheet Metal Workers' Union, Local No. 216, will have the right to name the man of your choice to fill the vacancies that now exist.

Although there are only three (3) vacancies to fill, I would like to see as many as possible make the effort to cast their ballot on election day.

In this day of legal labor entanglements, the jurisdictional problem, the continuing flow of new materials and new methods of fabrication, it behooves each and every one of us to make that choice which will benefit Sheet Metal Workers' Local No. 216 and its 1,200 members.

So, friend, be there early to vote, then take off on that fishing trip.

On Thursday, April 11th, we will be having a meeting of the Joint Industry Board. I will give you a report of this meeting at our next regular meeting, April 18th. Our first meeting of the Joint Negotiating Committee will take place on April 19th. We should have a report on this shortly thereafter.

Tri-State Council Death Assessments No. 474, 475, 476 and 477 are now due and payable. Johannus H. Imbeck, No. 57372, a member in good standing of Local No. 104, San Francisco, passed away on February 17, 1962; Arthur Robert MacDonald, No. 126740, a member in good standing of Local No. 104, San Fran-

cisco, passed away on February 18, 1962; our own Brother, Joseph F. Pruss, Sr., No. 49097, passed away on March 18, 1962 and Washington Whitfield Colbert, No. 23832, a member in good standing of Local No. 104, San Francisco, passed away on March 21, 1962.

Machinists Auxiliary

By OLIVE M. HARVEY

The first April meeting was called to order by President Sylvia Peterson, who did very well considering that she has not yet completely recovered from her recent dental surgery and was not up to par. It was a short meeting as there was not too much business to attend to.

Sister Marie Dixon reported that one of our charter members, Sister Isabel Helmuth, is quite ill at the Lake View Sanitorium, 476 Grand Ave.

Sister Eve Hare has been ill with influenza and still is not too well.

Sister Naomi Vercelli who has been very ill with pneumonia is reported to be on the road to recovery.

Sister Opal Lawrence has been doing too much again and is just not feeling a bit well. The doctor has warned again for her to rest and take care of herself or she will feel much worse. But will she do it?

Our thoughts and sympathy are with Brother Roy and Sister Evelyn Gerholdt and family in the recent passing on of Brother Roy's father, who has been ill for some time up in Paradise and Chico.

There will be a social get together dinner at Sister Opal Lawrence's home April 27th, 6:30 p.m., and she would like all to attend who can.

The Sewing Club will meet April 26th at Sister Gladys Lear's home.

The Past Presidents met at Sister Naomi Vercelli's and enjoyed their usual pleasant evening and the spread which she served. Our next meeting will be at Sister Eva Gallaher's home.

It is not too soon to start selecting those articles you plan to donate to our rummage sale; so start.

I know it is unnecessary to remind most of you about the union label, but anyway I'll refresh your memory.

Steel Machinists 1304

By DAVE ARCA

Heh, heh. Some steel companies had red faces when they stuck their Public Picking Paws out for more profits and found a red hot issue in them. Sure hope the American public noted the arrogant unconcern exhibited by these manufacturers, until President Kennedy took 'em on.

Mr. Blough of U. S. Steel tried to justify the price increase, but he didn't have enough snow for the job.

When Inland and Kaiser companies refused to participate in the plot, the mercenaries surrendered.

It's a good feeling to know our President cares enough about the people to take on those giant corporations.

How marvelous it is that in these days of political backscratching, our President would allenate powerful political financing because he believed they were wrong.

Mr. Kennedy commended our Steelworkers Union for bargaining in good faith. American citizens should commend President Kennedy for insisting that steel companies also show some measure of good faith.

Okay, they withdrew the price increase. But not willingly.

Watchmakers Local 101

By GEORGE F. ALLEN

I felt sure that we were going to report to you this week that everything was settled at the Bay Mart Discount Store in San Jose. I can inform you that we have reached a definite agreement with the attorney representing the Bay Mart people, but it has not been completed because there was some discussion over the application of the watchmaker. The next time I write I hope I can tell you that the watchmaker is definitely a member of this organization.

Executive Board Meeting: Thursday, April 26, 7 p.m. at the Union Office.

San Francisco-East Bay Regular Meeting: Thursday, April 26, 7:30 p.m., Union Assembly Hall, 693 Mission St., Room 708, San Francisco.

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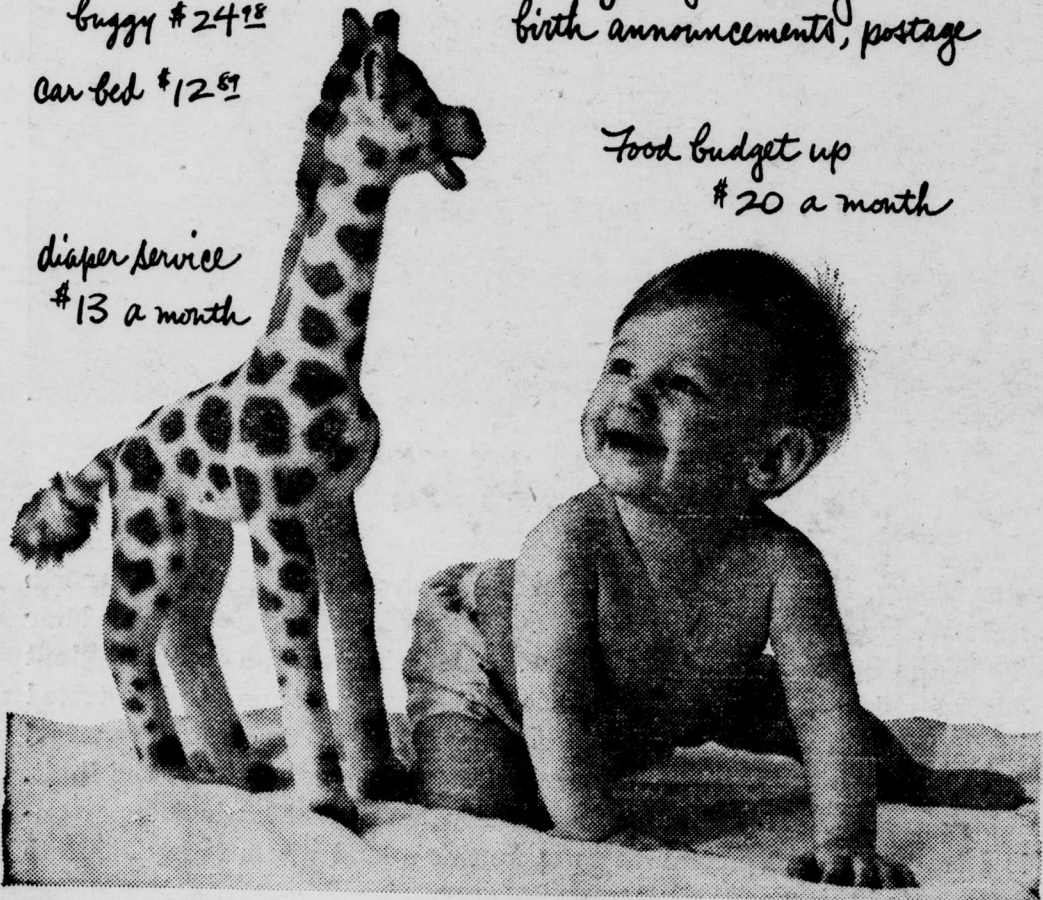
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Fraternally yours,
DON CROSMAN,
Recording Secretary

BERKELEY CARPENTERS 1158

Regular meetings held the first and third Mondays of each month at Finnish Brotherhood Hall, 1970 Chestnut Street, Berkeley, Calif.

Fraternally,
NICK J. AFDAMO,
Recording Secretary

UNITED STEELWORKERS 4468

Regular meetings held 2nd Saturday of each month at 10:00 a.m. at Eagles Hall, 1228 36th Avenue, Oakland.

Fraternally,
FRANK V. McINTOSH
Recording Secretary

ALAMEDA CARPENTERS 194

Alameda Local 194 meets on the first and third Mondays of each month at 8 p.m. in the Veterans Memorial Building at Walnut and Central in Alameda.

Fraternally,
JOHN GRIGSBY,
Recording Secretary

CARPENTERS 1473

Meets first and third Friday of each month at the Eagles Hall, 1228 36th Ave., Oakland at 8 p.m.

Fraternally yours,
J. W. KIRKMAN,
Recording Secretary

PAINT MAKERS 1101

Death Assessment No. 1 is now past due, and those who have not made their contribution will not be eligible for benefits.

Nominations for one trustee for a three year term will be held at the regular meeting May 15 at 8 p.m., Hall A, Labor Temple.

Fraternally,
PETER J. CEREMELLO,
Financial Secretary

SHIP CARPENTERS 1149

By action of the membership at a special called meeting, Friday, April 6, 1962, a six dollar assessment per member was imposed to help finance the Chris Craft strike. This assessment can be paid at the rate of \$1 per month, beginning with the month of May, 1962.

Unemployed members can serve four hours picket duty instead of paying the assessment. Those wishing to serve as pickets please register with the union as soon as possible.

Fraternally yours,
STAN LORE,
President and Manager

PAINTERS DISTRICT COUNCIL 16

The next regular meeting will be held at 8 p.m. Thursday, April 19, in Hall G of the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland.

Fraternally,
WILEY H. MOUNTJOY
Secretary-Treasurer

AUTO & SHIP PAINTERS 1176

The next regular meeting will be May 1 in Hall D of the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., at 8 p.m.

Fraternally,
LESLIE K. MOORE,
Bus. Rep.

BARBERS 134

Regular meetings on the fourth Thursday of each month at 8 p.m. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland.

The Finance Committee meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 8 p.m. in the union office.

Fraternally,
I. O. CHAMORRO,
Secretary-Treasurer

CLERKS, LUMBER HANDLERS 939

The next regular meeting of Local 939 will be held Friday, April 27, 1962, at 8 p.m. Important business will be discussed. All members are urgently requested to attend.

Fraternally,
A. R. ESTES,
Recording Secretary

STEEL MACHINISTS 1304

Charter Members Nite Thursday, April 19, 7:30 p.m. Executive Board meets 6:30 p.m.

Fraternally,
DAVE ARCA,
Acting Secretary

PAINTERS LOCAL 127

ATTENTION MEMBERS

The next meeting of the local is Thursday, April 26, 1962. This is a special called meeting. We are having a speaker from the Bar Association to talk on labor questions or any problems of labor.

Brother Alford Webb, 876 Vanda Way, Niles, lost nine months' dues by not attending the last meeting of the local.

A consolation prize was won by Clem Hagen.

Payola Night next meeting will still be for nine months' dues.

We all hope to see a winner. Come on down. Who knows, you may win.

Members, you can now collect your 1961 vacation check as of April 1, 1962, if you want it. Sam has the forms in the office if you come in.

Hope to see a few more faces at the next meeting.

The meeting at 8 p.m. April 26 will be a special called meeting. A member of the Alameda County Bar Association will speak and answer questions on legal problems.

Fraternally yours,
EDGAR S. GULBRANSEN,
Recording Secretary

HAYWARD PAINTERS 1178

To you a notice that the third Friday of this month falls on the 20th of this month. That is the date of our next meeting.

Fraternally,
ROBERT G. MILLER,
Recording Secretary

STEELWORKERS 1798

Regular meeting Friday, April 27, 8 p.m., Hall D, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland.

Fraternally,
EDWARD SOTO
Recording Secretary

PLUMBERS & GAS FITTERS 444

The next regular meeting of Plumbers & Gas Fitters Local Union No. 444 will be held on Wednesday, April 25, 1962, in Hall A at 8 p.m. on the first floor of the Labor Temple Building, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland, Calif.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. The regular order of business.
2. Your annual audit for 1961 will be submitted for your approval.
3. Your next regular scheduled holiday will be Memorial Day, Wednesday, May 30, 1962.
4. Your Business Manager will not be present at this meeting. He will be attending the meeting of the California Conference of Apprenticeship in Los Angeles on April 25, 26 and 27 and will be looking forward to seeing you at the meeting of Wednesday, May 23, 1962.

It is of utmost importance for you to attend union meetings and participate in union affairs.

Fraternally,
BEN H. BEYNON
Bus. Mgr. & Fin. Sec. Treas.

CO. SCHOOL EMPLOYEES 257

The next regular meeting will be held May 5, 1962, at 1918 Grove St., Oakland, Calif., at 2 p.m.

By an affirmative vote of the members attending the April 7, 1962, meeting it was approved that the non-attendance excuses be accepted only at the end of each quarter. These must be presented in writing giving the reasons for meetings missed within the quarter in sufficient time for the Executive Board's consideration.

The Executive Board will meet at 10:30 a.m.

Fraternally,
VICTOR BARTELS,
Secretary

CARPENTERS 36

Unless otherwise specified regular meetings will be held each Friday at 8 p.m. at Carpenters Hall, 761 12th Street.

The meeting of April 20, 1962, has been dispensed with as it is Good Friday.

The Educational Committee will meet Wednesday at 8 p.m., April 25, 1962, at the above address.

A special called meeting will be held Friday at 8 p.m., May 11, 1962, to vote on two separate assessments as recommended by the Bay Counties District Council of Carpenters:

1. Shall an assessment of twenty-five cents (25¢) be levied against all Carpenters, to help finance the strike against the Chris Craft Company by Local Union 1149?
2. Shall an assessment of one dollar (\$1.00) per member per month for a period of six months be levied, to help build up a Defense Fund for use by all Locals of the District Council?

Your presence and vote on these important issues will settle these questions on May 11, 1962.

Fraternally yours,
OSCAR ANDERSON,
Recording Secretary

SHEET METAL WORKERS 216

NOTICE

Special election to fill vacancy for Financial Secretary-Business Representative, Assistant Business Representative and one Executive Board member will be held Saturday, April 28, 1962, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. in the office of the Sheet Metal Workers' Union, Local No. 216, Room 207, Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland.

Fraternally,
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HAYWARD CARPENTERS 1622

Regular meetings of Carpenters are held each Friday at 8 p.m., unless otherwise specified, at the Labor Temple, 1050 Mattox Road, Hayward.

We sincerely urge that you attend meetings as regularly as possible. You as a member should take part in the deliberation of these meetings and aid to form policies that are good for the labor movement as a whole, and for you as an individual.

Stewards' meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month, and the last Friday of each month is social night for all.

All problems and/or requests for assistance on vacation, health, and welfare, pension, disability or compensation will be handled in the office of the Business Agent on Tuesdays and Thursdays only from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Fraternally,
L. D. (Larry) TWIST
Recording Secretary

BERKELEY PAINTERS 40

The April 27th meeting has been designated a special call meeting, called for the purpose of voting on proposed changes in the Local Union By-Laws.

Fraternally yours,
BEN RASNICK
Recording Secretary

Breakfast for Brown

Governor Edmund G. (Pat) Brown will attend a breakfast open to all union members May 10 at Goodman's Jack London Hall. Tickets are available at the Central Labor Council office, HI 4-6510.

Visit your congressman

Congress plans an Easter recess from April 19 to May 1, and this is a good time to visit your senator or representative, according to the AFLCIO Legislative Action Bulletin.

Britisher thinks unions there further ahead

Lewis Wright, Amalgamated Weavers Association chief in Great Britain, told the Central Labor Council April 16 that unions there are more worried about increasing productivity than collective bargaining.

"We feel we've got the employers where we want them, and you've got the employers where they want you," Wright quipped.

With British unions, the problem is increasing the gross national product. With more money in the kitty, Wright said, British unions will have no trouble in getting wage increases.

Another appeal issued for Blue, Green stamps

The drive to collect 400 books of Blue Chip and S&H Green Stamps to help pay for prizes for the Labor Day Picnic is lagging, Peter J. Ceremello of Paint Makers 1101 announced.

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Carpenters Credit Union

By PAUL HUDGINS, Treasurer

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4032 Foothill Blvd., Oakland 1, is the new address, at the corner of Rosedale, between 40th avenue and 41st avenue. It is next door to Bob's Hideaway Bar, a couple of blocks toward town from High street.

Office hours will have to be more regular than in the past. We will be open Tuesday through Saturday from 9:30 to 5:30 but never on Monday, nor even on Sunday.

Mrs. Thompson (Bobbie) will be full time in the office. Paul, the treasurer-manager, will be in and out and will be available for appointment at the office or in the member's home, including evenings.

Ray Wood, recording secretary of Local 316 in San Jose, is the latest addition to the Board of Directors. We are mighty glad to have his support and assistance. He is a full time official in the union office in San Jose. He will be signing up new members for the credit union and collecting money.

Delinquent borrowers are going to feel the hot breath of our collectors right soon now. We eased up on the overdues during the rainy season, of course. Now the sun has been shining for a couple of weeks, and we demand that those payments be brought up to date.

A lot of members have signed up for the complete insurance program of this credit union, \$2,000 life insurance (\$4,000 for accidental death), \$100 per month from the first day of

sickness or accident, and loan protection for those who have loans. It's a good program for improving security of your family and yourself.

Painters Local No. 127

By SAM CAPONIO

The Oakland Boys Club needs a coat of paint and has asked the painters for help. Our members have responded in numbers in the past, and we are sure you will help the boys again. We ask you to call our office and let us know when you will be available. We hope to have enough members available to start this Saturday, April 21.

Vacation forms are available in our office. You may call or pick them up in person.

Our meetings have increased somewhat in size due to the "Payola" drawing. If you are present at the next meeting and your name is called, it can be very profitable for you. Attend these meetings and find out what is going on in negotiations, welfare and pensions. At our next meeting, the Alameda County Bar Association will have one of their speakers present. He will speak on "Compensation, Disability, and the Law and You." There will be a question and answer period after the talk. We hope many of the members will show enough interest and attend the meeting of April 26, 1962, at 8 p.m.

We sincerely wish a speedy recovery to H. Parman at the Kaiser Hospital, Vallejo, also John Leopold at the Kaiser Hospital, Oakland. Ray Beguhl and W. Cavanaugh resting at home.

Look for the union shop card, ask for a union clerk to serve you, and demand the union label!

Steamfitters Local 342

By JIM MARTIN

If you have not as yet written to our California senators and to your congressman relative to the five items sponsored by the Building Trades Department, please do so. Please refer to the communication sent to you recently by this office.

These five items are: On-site Picketing Amendment, Davis-Bacon Amendment, Eight Hour Law Amendment, Small Business Administration Act and Medical Care for the Aged. These letters are needed now.

This is regarding your benefits in connection with the Industrial Accident Commission. The benefits are: all the medical care necessary, temporary disability benefits, permanent disability benefits, life pension if permanent disability is 70 per cent or over and death benefits to survivors.

The amount of temporary disability benefits, table of earnings and compensation:

Weekly Wage	Weekly Compensation
40.48	25.00
50.00	30.88
60.00	37.05
70.00	43.22
80.00	49.40
105.26	70.00
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113.96	70.00

These payments can last up to 240 weeks. There is one week (7 days) waiting time in each accident. However, if the disability lasts more than seven weeks (49 days) you will be paid the first seven days retroactively.

Amount of benefits (permanent disability)—If you lost a finger in an industrial accident, or a leg, you are permanently

disabled. Ditto if you lose the partial use of a function of the body, or have to spend the rest of your life flat on your back. When further improvement in your condition is no longer expected, the Industrial Accident Commission will rate the degree of your permanent disability 1 per cent to 100 per cent. At this point, your temporary benefits stop. Permanent benefits will then be paid for four weeks for each 1 per cent of disability, up to \$52.50 per week. EXAMPLE: The Industrial Accident Commission rates you 16 per cent permanently disabled. You get benefits for 64 weeks (16 x 4 = 64).

Our next membership meeting to be held April 19, 1962, has been designated as a special called meeting for the purpose of acting on the recommendations of the Executive Board and Finance Committee relative to the purchase of new automobiles.

Millmen 550

By CLYDE JOHNSON

At this writing (April 15), there has been absolutely no progress in our contract negotiations. While things can change fast in negotiations, there are only 16 days until May 1.

I consider the union proposals on seniority and hiring hall to be of vital concern to our membership. The present requirements of 12 months of service to gain seniority rights prevents a large number of members from getting seniority. They have little security under the contract.

Without seniority a member can be laid off at any time, and this affects vacation and holiday rights. The way our agreement is now written a member can work most of the year for several shops and never get in enough hours in one shop for a single day of vacation.

And no member without seniority qualifies for more than one week of vacation. I am stressing the possible situations because we have to protect ourselves against them.

We have to have the protection of the hiring hall for referral of members to jobs. While some employers do call the union for referrals, most hiring is off the street. It is ridiculous to be initiating new members while old members are unemployed.

Monetary issues are at loggerheads.

At this writing the picture is not good.

Our industry is in the process of changing to a more industrialized operation, and changes in many conditions will become necessary. There are about 200 small shops under our standard millwork agreement without any provision for classifications. The men in these shops will be protected.

Why not pass this copy of the East Bay Labor Journal to a friend of yours when you are finished reading it!

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Steamfitters Credit Union

By LEE REVIS

Many success stories are brought about by credit unions. One in particular comes to my mind, and that one is of my Uncle Nudely, who told me, before I left the hills, that he was so broke that if you could go around the world on a three cent stamp, he couldn't get out of sight. Uncle Nudely joined a nudist colony soon after that because he couldn't buy clothes; but soon after he joined the colony they formed a credit union. That was less than ten years ago, and today Uncle Nudely owns a pair of overalls, a tie, a pair of shoes, a mule and four hound dogs.

Why don't you join your credit union and write your own success story

Incidentally, even with Uncle Nudely's great wealth, he won't wear his overalls.

APRIL 27 ISSUE DEADLINE

Deadline for meeting notices and columns for the April 27 issue of the East Bay Labor Journal is noon Monday, April 23.

Ash co-chairman for Brown in county

Robert S. Ash, executive secretary of the Central Labor Council, and James A. Kennedy, an Oakland attorney, have been named co-chairmen of the Alameda County campaign to re-elect Governor Edmund G. (Pat) Brown.

Ash pointed out that Brown's administration has benefitted all segments of the California economy — business, labor, the farmer and consumer.

He added:

"California's healthy business climate is the envy of the nation. Under Governor Brown's leadership, California has become first in social welfare, first in planning for future growth.

"The Governor many times has demonstrated his concern with the problems of the California working man and his family. His proposal to the Legislature last week that a Commission on Automation on the labor force is the latest of many examples of his interest."

City College wins new accreditation

Oakland City College has been re-accredited for four years by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, according to Dr. Clement A. Long, director.

Dr. Long said that previous accreditations had been for only two years.

He said the accrediting team praised vocational training programs offered by the college, but its criticisms included the inadequate student center and physical education facilities at Laney Campus.

According to Dr. Long, the team recommended that the vocational instructional staff be given a chance to work on curriculum development and with community service groups.

(Among labor criticisms of the college has been the vocational curriculum and alleged shortcomings in community liaison.)

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California union membership drops by 19,000 in '61

California unions had 1,737,000 members in July, 1961, John F. Henning, state director of industrial relations, announced recently. This total was about 19,000 below the peak of 1,756,000 members reached in 1960.

According to annual counts by the State Division of Labor Statistics and Research, California unions gained 13,000 members in nonmanufacturing industries but lost 32,000 in manufacturing in the year ending July 1961.

More than 7,000 government employees were added to membership rolls, and large gains were also made in several trade and service industries.

Losses occurred in railroad transportation and in metals and machinery, aircraft, auto, apparel, lumber, furniture and most other manufacturing industries.

In most instances, these membership losses reflected falling employment.

BAY AREA

Union membership totalled 461,200 in the six county San Francisco-Oakland Metropolitan Area. This figure was 2,200 below the July, 1960, total, and 18,300 under the 1957 peak membership of 479,500.

Unions in the Bay Area reported a 1960-61 drop of 5,000 in manufacturing. These losses were concentrated in canning, apparel, and metals and machinery. In nonmanufacturing industries membership rose by 2,800, the greatest gains occurring in restaurants and government service.

'Don't spend \$\$ in scab county, USA'

Florida is a tourist's mecca, but unionists throughout the United States are being requested:

"Don't visit Miami or Miami Beach in Scab County, USA."

The campaign is being waged by the Dade County Federation of Labor, AFLCIO, which includes Miami and Miami Beach.

In a letter received by the Alameda County Central Labor Council, William J. Owens, Dade County AFLCIO president, says the local government is trying to break a strike by Division 1267, Amalgamated Association of Street, Electric Railway and Motor Coach Employees.

The Dade County government has hired strikebreakers and has openly expressed its hatred for unions, Owens said, adding that other unionists should not spend their hard-earned money there.

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State COPE endorses Brown administration and Richards

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incumbents except Richards and Rose.

In addition, the state COPE endorsed **Ralph Richardson**, president of the Los Angeles Board of Education, for the non-partisan office of State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

The State COPE confirmed Alameda County COPE endorsements of Congressmen **Jeffery Cohelan** and **George P. Miller**; State Senator **John W. Holmdahl**; Assemblymen **Carlos Bee**, **Robert W. Crown**, **Nicholas C. Petris** and **William Byron Rumford**; Robert L. Hughes for Assembly in the 16th District, and **John W. Lynch** for re-election to the State Board of Equalization.

Also confirmed was the 9th Congressional District COPE's endorsement of **Francis Dunn** of Painters 127.

Ash reminded CLC delegates

that labor faces crucial races in several county offices, too. In contested races, Alameda County COPE has endorsed: **Frank J. Madigan** for Sheriff; County Supervisors **John D. Murphy** (1st District) and **Leland W. Sweeney** (3rd District); **Leroy V. Woods** of Hayward Culinary 823 for County Supervisor (2nd District), and **Robert L. Bostick** and **George W. Phillips** for Superior Court.

In other political reports:

• Ash announced a massive registration drive will start July 1 to sign up 40,000 Alameda County voters.

• Assistant CLC Secretary **Richard K. Groulx** blasted lack of unity among Democratic clubs and urged all unionists to work through COPE for election of labor's candidates.

• This was echoed by **Smith**, who also urged greater efforts through COPE by retired members and wives of unionists.

BTC debates endorsement

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vote in support of Senator Kuchel.

He accused Kuchel of failure to stand up and be counted on the King-Anderson Bill to provide health care for the aged under Social Security.

Childers answered Roe's first point by stating he had been sent to the State COPE convention uninstructed.

And he said Kuchel has promised to work for an amendment to the King-Anderson Bill to cover persons not under Social Security but will vote for the bill if it can't be amended without wrecking it.

Explaining that many — but not all — building trades delegates to the COPE convention supported Kuchel, a Republican, Childers accused Richards of "running when he has to stand up and be counted."

Childers said Kuchel stands up and is counted, even though this gives him a worse voting record as far as the AFLCIO is concerned. Childers questioned the validity of AFLCIO voting score cards. He said Kuchel has worked for "bread and butter"

issues concerning building tradesmen.

Later in the meeting, **Paul Jones** of Laborers 304 explained his votes in the COPE advisory committee and convention. He said the dual endorsement proposal was made in recognition of the considerable number of Republicans in building trades unions.

Jay Johnson of Laborers 304 reported his union had filed unfair labor practice charges against the Associated General Contractors for refusal to negotiate any place except their own headquarters.

DEMO MULE SHOULDN'T BE TRAINED: CROWELL

Roberta, the mule, has been tied or corralled — after a fashion — in **Bob Ash's** yard ever since last year's Labor Day Picnic.

Given as a prize to **Cleaners 3009**, **Commercial Telegraphers 208** and **Food Clerks 870** for selling the most picnic tickets, no one seemed to know what else to do with her.

Finally, **Mrs. Ash** got tired of having her flowers trampled. And **Roberta** was sent to a mule trainer.

But **Russ Crowell** of **Local 3009**, **CLC** President, objected to this.

"If there's one thing we do not want," he quipped, "it's a polite symbol for the Democratic Party."

Which raises the old question again of whether the Democratic symbol is a mule or a donkey.

But we won't go into that.

AFLCIO's convention proceedings now ready

Proceedings of the Fourth Constitutional Convention of the AFLCIO, held in Miami Beach, Fla., Dec. 7-13, 1961, are ready for distribution, according to a letter from **William F. Schnitzler**, AFLCIO secretary-treasurer, to the Alameda County Central Labor Council.

They are in two volumes: (1) daily proceedings and the AFLCIO Constitution as amended and (2) the report of the AFLCIO Executive Council.

Copies, at \$2.75 per volume, may be ordered from the AFLCIO Pamphlet Division, 815 16th St., N.W., Washington 6, D.C.

Why not pass this copy of the **East Bay Labor Journal** to a friend of yours when you are finished reading it!

H.I.S. suits, coats 'undermine gains of all union members'

Non-union products of the **Henry I. Siegel Co.** "constitute a threat to all organized labor and undermine the union standards we have achieved," according to **Sam Kripps**, Amalgamated Clothing Workers official in San Francisco.

Krips, manager of the union's Northern California Joint Board, pointed out that the ACW is conducting a nationwide consumer education campaign to alert the public that suits and coats of the company are non-union.

"The management of the **Henry I. Siegel Co.** has a record of unfair labor practices and vehemently resists the unionizations of its employees," **Siegel** said.

"Retail establishments which sell non-union **Siegel** suits and coats," he added, "help subsidize the substandard working conditions in these plants and thereby adversely affect the hard-won gains and benefits of organized workers."

According to the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, **Siegel** suits and coats are marketed under the brand name "H.I.S." and are sold in this area at **The Emporium** and **the H. C. Capwell Co.**

For problem drinkers

Free movies and lectures for problem drinkers, their relatives and friends are given at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month in Room 100 of the Alameda County Health Department Building, 499 5th St., Oakland, by the Center for Treatment and Education on Alcoholism.



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Who else got squeezed besides steel bosses?

President Kennedy won the power struggle with the big steel companies.

Usually, the conflict is between the union and industry.

But this year the union settled early for a "soft" contract, under unusually strong government pressure. Then it sat back and watched the President fight it out with the employers.

This was billed as being in the national interest.

But we think a closer look will show otherwise.

With no wage increases, there will be no added purchasing power to stimulate production and put nearly 4½ million unemployed Americans back to work.

And the way has been paved for more presidential interference in labor-management disputes. We doubt that this is in the national interest, either.

We are glad, however, that Senator Kefauver and Attorney General Robert Kennedy haven't given up their plans to investigate possible anti-trust violations by the major steel producers.

News stories in the daily press only hinted at what was probably the major issue in the steel price controversy, administered prices.

As Thomas L. Pitts, secretary-treasurer of the California Labor Federation (AFLCIO), said last Friday:

"The attempted increase was in keeping with the industry's established practice of biting the consumer with an average \$3 increase in steel prices for every \$1 increase in worker earnings, totally disregarding the increased productivity factor.

"The simple truth of the matter is that the steel giants have been picking the pockets of consumers by forcing them to pay for capital outlay expenditures through the administered pricing mechanism, which reaps staggering profits for those who own large blocks of steel stocks."

The role of the defense budget in the steel price fight deserves a closer look, too.

It was estimated that the \$6 a ton boost would have created a billion-dollar-a-year rise in the U.S. defense budget.

As a fighter for a balanced budget, this would have put the President in an embarrassing position politically.

Maybe this is why the President's squeeze play began to hurt the steel producers, too.

Secretary of defense McNamara announced that defense contracts would go, wherever possible, to steel firms which had not raised prices.

Those that had raised prices could see their biggest profits siphoned off.

They figured they'd lose more profits in defense contracts than they'd gain by raising prices. So they yelled "Uncle!"

Such is the tremendous economic power of the defense budget, when manipulated by the President of the United States.

But we wonder whether history won't show that someone else got squeezed in the President's play besides the steel producers.

Teachers' strike

New York City teachers, who voted to be represented by an AFLCIO union in December, struck for one day last week.

Like many other strikes, this one produced a change in the attitude of their employers. Mayor Robert Wagner, a Democrat, and Governor Nelson Rockefeller, a Republican, got together and settled a dispute over fund allocation. This shook loose another \$13 million for teachers' salaries.

Behind all the propaganda about the right of public employees to strike, pro and con, lies the unalterable fact that public bosses—like those in private enterprise—sometimes need to be convinced by a show of economic power.

This was a victory for unionism on behalf of an often neglected group.

To draw a local parallel, we can't see that the situation was very different from that of Alameda County Department and Specialty Store Employees 1265, which came within a hairbreadth of having to go on strike the same day.

In this case, the problem was refusal of the management negotiator to engage in true collective bargaining. The fact that he was a former union official who switched sides probably doesn't have anything to do with the case, except that he should have known better.



U.S. GROUP PROPOSES GENEVA COMPROMISE

From Christian Science Monitor

President Kennedy has been urged by a group of United States peace leaders to make clearer to the world the United States' will to disarm.

In a 5,000-word statement, released at the national headquarters of SANE, National Committee for a Sane Nuclear Policy, the group said "a national will and a governmental mandate for disarmament must be developed, initiated by the President and his advisers and continuing through the administration and Congress."

While admitting that it is easy to be cynical about the Geneva negotiations, the signers warned that "the will to negotiate must never lessen, for the alternative to negotiation is an ever-increasing arms race leading ultimately to nuclear war."

Surveying the Geneva deadlock, the group set forth a proposed inspection compromise, involving American willingness to agree to "national means of detecting most militarily significant nuclear tests" and Soviet willingness to agree to international means of verifying tests with an international control organization to correlate the

national detection systems and to supervise on-site inspection."

Spokesmen for the group pointed out that the nations supervising military tests could be neutrals and said the international on-site inspections in the Soviet Union could be limited to areas 10 miles in diameter.

The group said that inspection must be an integral part of any disarmament agreement.

East-West differences over balancing and phasing disarmament might be even more difficult than those now in evidence over inspection, they said.

The statement asked the President to reconsider his conditional directive to resume nuclear tests in the atmosphere. It said that if no progress can be made at Geneva through multilateral negotiations, the United States should by itself take disarmament initiatives "which may in time produce reciprocal actions by the Russians and other nations."

Initiated by Eric Fromm, the group of signers included Dr. Harold Taylor, former president of Sarah Lawrence College; Dr. Jay Orear of Cornell; Prof. Seymour Melman, Columbia University; Dr. David Reisman, Harvard University; Dr. William Davidson, Haverford College; Dr. Homer Jack of SANE; Emily Park Simon, secretary of the Committee for World Development and World Disarmament, and Norman Thomas, head of the Post War World Council.

'Coddling' unions

Canadian management has received some advice from an American "industrial relations consultant." Kenneth Curtis of New York told the National Office Management Association in Montreal that they should stop coddling unions and take a stronger anti-union stand.

Employee happiness is bunk, declared Curtis. The first concern of management is efficiency and profits. Human relations training programs are just a waste of money, he added.

Management bargaining procedures are terrible. Unions generally are very strong in leadership at the bargaining table. Curtis added that unions now have obtained such high pay and so many benefits for their members that they now have nothing to ask for but to encroach on the management prerogatives.

He cited Eastman Kodak Co. of Rochester as a firm that has remained non-unionized not only because its plants are in generally non-union areas and offer steady work, but because supervisors know where each employee stands on unionization and which way he votes!—In Transit.

New Moscow line

The fact that the Khrushchev line is more peaceable than that of Red China's Mao Tse-tung or former Premier Molotov is no reason why the West should give concessions to the Kremlin on a platter.

The Abel-Powers trade, in the understandably strong view of the attorney who prosecuted the Soviet agent, is like "trading Mickey Mantle for an average ball player." — Christian Science Monitor.

Virtue rewarded

Fifty-nine executives of General Motors received more in salaries and bonuses last year than combined salaries of the President and Vice President of the U. S., 10 Cabinet members, 9 Supreme Court Justices, 50 State Governors, 100 Senators and 437 Representatives. — Northern Calif. Teamster.

OPINIONS

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BASIC CHALLENGE FACING UNIONS

Editor, Labor Journal:

As a regular reader of the East Bay Labor Journal I was intrigued by your editorial of March 30 entitled "Why Labor Needs Some Old Time Fighting Spirit." I had hoped to see some comments relating to the really basic challenges of today and was disappointed to find only an impassioned plea for higher wages which (although admittedly a real need in some segments of our labor force) represents, I think, activity akin to mopping-up operations after major battles have been won.

Creative leadership in the labor movement ought to be directing our attention to the more far-reaching problems we must face in the areas of coping constructively with the imminent problems of automation and the hoped-for shift of emphasis in our economy from a war-centered to a peace-centered industrial complex. These are changes which, while essential to the progress of civilization, threaten to pose serious problems of unemployment and dislocation for large segments of our population. These are the areas where labor leaders can and should be developing dynamic programs aimed at least, at minimizing, if not preventing, acute situations.

Your editorials, I think, could perform a much needed service in alerting readers to these problems and thus helping to prepare now for harmonious transitions instead of waiting like ostriches for crises to develop. "We'll do something about that when the time comes" is an outmoded and irresponsible philosophy. The time to think about these things is now.

MARJORIE F. WILSON,
Richmond

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NUCLEAR TESTING

Editor, Labor Journal:

In reading "Opinions" in the March 2 issue, I see where the East Bay Council of Young Democratic Clubs are in opposition to the President's announcement that the United States will resume atmospheric nuclear testing.

I feel that they have the right to express their feelings on this serious matter, but they should also remember that the President has no alternative but to resume testing, unless the Communist countries make a solemn resolution that they will not do any testing; abide by the rules of the United Nations, and, finally, show the world that they want peace by giving a little and not always demanding.

I believe the President of the United States was thinking of 180,000,000 people of this great country, and also of all countries of the world when he made his grave decision.

I wholeheartedly feel that the decision was the right one, and that the United States should be firm from here on in, and start demanding and not always giving.

JOHN A. ZORO,
Past President, 7th CDC,
Member, Milk Drivers 302

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DR. SPOCK SPEAKS

When grandparents become seriously ill it is often the struggling parents who have to pay the bills. The King-Anderson Bill is not socialized medicine, and it does not affect the doctors. It is simply a method of paying for old age hospitalization insurance during the working years. I am all for it.—Dr. Benjamin Spock.